

**American superstar**  
**Michael Jackson**

was born in Gary, Indiana, on August 29, 1958, and entertained audiences nearly his entire life. His father, Joe Jackson, had been a guitarist but was forced to give up his musical ambitions following his marriage to Katherine (Scuse). Together they prodded their growing family's musical interests at home. By the early 1960s, the older boys Jackie, Tito and Jermaine had begun performing around the city; by 1964, Michael and Marlon had joined in.

A musical prodigy, Michael's singing and dancing talents were amazingly mature, and he soon became the dominant voice and focus of The Jackson 5. An opening act for such soul groups as the O'Jays and James Brown, it was Gladys Knight (not Diana Ross) who officially brought the group to Berry Gordy's attention, and by 1969, the



US pop star and entertainer Michael Jackson (R) poses with Nobel Prize winner Nelson Mandela (L) in Kwanulu-Natal on July 20, 1986. AFP

boys were producing back-to-back chart-busting hits as Motown artists ("I Want You Back," "ABC," "Never Can Say Goodbye," "Got to Be There," etc.). Solo success for Michael was inevitable, and by the 1980s, he had become infinitely more popular than his brotherly group. Record sales consistently orbited, culminating in the biggest-selling album of all time, "Thriller" in 1982.

In the 1990s, the downside as an 1980s pop phenomenon began to rear itself. Michael grew terribly child-like and inappropriately by his peerless celebrity. A rather timorous, androgynous figure to begin with, his physical appearance began to change drastically, and his behavior grew alarmingly bizarre, making him a consistent target for scandal-making, despite his numerous charitable acts.

Two brief marriages — one to Elvis Presley's daughter Lisa Marie Presley — were forged and two children produced by his second wife during that time, but the purposes behind them appeared image-oriented. Despite it all, Michael Jackson's passion and artistry as a singer, dancer, writer and businessman are unparalleled, and it is these prodigious talents that will ultimately prevail over the extremely negative aspects of his seriously troubled so-called life. For it all to end on

June 25, 2009, with his sudden death at age 50 of a drug-induced cardiac arrest, just as he was coming out of a four-year reclusive period and rehearsing for a sold-out London concert "comeback" in July, seems uncommonly cruel and tragic. Millions upon millions of dedicated fans will remember where they were "the day Michael died".

**Trivia** - Through his "heal the World" Foundation, Jackson spearheaded airlifts of food and medical supplies to war-torn Sarajevo, instituted mentoring, immunization and drug-abuse education programs and paid for a Hungarian child's liver transplant.

With Lionel Richie, co-wrote the song "We Are the World" and was one of its performers.

Brother of (in this order) Rebbie Jackson, Jackie Jackson, Tito Jackson, Jermaine Jackson, La Toya Jackson, Marlon Jackson, Randy Jackson and Janet Jackson.

The name of his 2700-acre ranch near Santa Ynez, California, is Neverland Valley Ranch. It contains Jackson's house, an amusement park co-designed by

Marcelly Cullin, a private theater and dance stage, and exotic animals.

Once dated Brooke Shields.

His favorite The Beatles' song is "Come Together" - his version of the song is in "History - Past, Present and Future".

Received a Presidential Humanitarian Award from President Ronald Reagan at the White House in May 1984, in recognition of Jackson's contribution to the government's campaign against drunk driving.

Despite a number of surgical claims, Jackson has undergone multiple nasal surgeries as well as a forehead lift, thinned lips and cheekbone surgery. Jackson wrote in his

1988 autobiography "Moon Walk" that he only had two rhinoplasty surgeries and the surgical creation of a cleft in his chin.

Had his first live concert in four years at Madison Square Garden, New York, in early September 2001.

In 1997 a survey declared Jackson the most famous person in the world, ahead of Pope John Paul II and then US President Bill Clinton.

At the time of his death Jackson was living in a rented mansion once owned by the actor Sir Sean Connery in the Hollywood Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles.

Following his death, U.S. President Barack Obama sent a letter of condolence to the Jackson family, and during a press conference the Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said that President Obama viewed Jackson as a "spectacular performer and a music icon". www.ims.com



Michael Jackson with his brothers.

**Michael Jackson's Major Awards**

American Music Awards	7
Billboard Awards	22
BRIT Awards	20
Grammy Awards	7
Golden Globe Awards	1
MTV Awards	26
MTV Video Music Awards	13
RIAA Awards	13
World Music Awards	56
World Music Awards	15

**Michael Jackson's Songs**

<b>GOT TO BE THERE</b> 1972 - Ain't No Sunshine, I Wanna Be Where You Are, Get Down (The Love From Me), In Our Small Way, Got To Be There, Rockin' Robin, Wings Of My Love, Maria (You Were The Only One), Love Is Here And Now You're Gone, You've Got A Friend
<b>BEI</b> 1975 - Ben, The Greatest Show On Earth, People Make The World Go Round, We've Got A Good Thing Going, Everybody's Somebody's Girl
<b>MUSIC &amp; ME</b> 1979 - With A Child's Heart, Up Again, All The Things You Are, Happy, Too Young, Doggie! Around, Johnny Rotten Euphoria, Morning Glow, Music & Me
<b>FOREVER, MICHAEL</b> 1979 - We're Almost There, Take Me Back One Day In Your Life, Cinderella Stay Awake, We've Got Forever, Just A Little Bit Of You, You Are There Dapper Dan (Freestyle), Dear Michael, I'll Come Home To You
<b>OFF THE WALL</b> 1979 - Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough, Rock With You, Working Day And Night, Got On The Floor Off The Wall, Girlfriend, She's Out Of My Life, Can't Help It, It's The Falling In Love, Burn The Disco Out
<b>THRILLER</b> 1982 - Wanna Be Startin' Somethin', Baby Be Mine, The Girl Is Mine, Thriller, Beat It, Billie Jean, Human Nature, P.Y.T.

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<b>PRETTY YOUNG THING</b> The Lady In My Life, Carosell
<b>BAD</b> 1987 - Bad, The Way You Make Me Feel, Speed Demon, Liberian Girl, Just Good Friends, Another Part Of Me, Man In The Mirror, I Just Can't Stop Loving You, Dirty Diana, Smooth Criminal, Leave Me Alone, Stranger With A Parrot, Control, Scream, I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me), Thriller, Heal The World, S.M.B. (Soul Makossa), The Jacksons: An American Dream, The Jacksons: Victory, The Jacksons: A Victory Album
<b>DANGEROUS</b> 1991 - Jam, Why You Wanna Trip On Me, In The Closet, She Drives Me Wild, Remember The Time, Can't Let Her Get Away, Heal The World, Black Or White, Who Is It, Give In To Me, Will You Be There, Keep The Faith, Gone Too Soon, Dangerous
<b>HISTORY - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE - BOOK 1</b> 1993 - Scream, They Don't Care About Us, Stranger In Moscow, This Time Around, Earth Song, U.S. Money Come Together, You Are Not Alone, Childhood, Tribal Justice, 2 Bad, History, Little Sista, Smeile
<b>BLOOD ON THE DANCE FLOOR - HISTORY IN THE MAK</b> 1997 - Blood On The Dance Floor, Mo'Nique, Superfly Sister, Ghosts Is It Scary?
<b>INVINCIBLE</b> 2001 - Unbreakable, Heartbreaker, Invincible, Break Of Down, Heaven Can Wait, You Rock My World, Butterflies, Speechless, 2000 Watts, You Are My Life, Don't Walk Away, Privacy, Cry, The Lost Children, Whatever Happens, Threatened

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**KING OF POP**

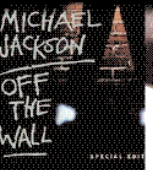
**Michael Jackson's Sisters**



Michael Jackson's sisters, LaToya and Janet, supported him through thick and thin.

**Michael Jackson's Trade mark**

- ▶ The Moonwalk
- ▶ Single sequined white glove
- ▶ He always wears white socks with black shoes
- ▶ High-pitched voice
- ▶ Often wore a black hat and a jacket with a ribbon around one sleeve



**BORN** - August 29, 1958 Gary, Indiana, U.S. **NICKNAME** - The Gloved One, Wacko Jacko, Jacko, King Of Pop and **MI** **DIED** - 25 June 2009, Los Angeles, California, USA - homicide **OCCUPATION** - Singer, songwriter, record producer, dancer, choreographer, actor, businessman **NET WORTH** - \$236 million - 2007 **SPOUSE(S)** - Lisa Marie Presley - 1994-96 - Debbie Rowe - 1996-99 **CHILDREN** - Prince Michael Jackson - b. 1997, Paris Jackson - b. 1998, Prince Michael Jackson II - b. 2002 **PARENTS** - Joseph Jackson - father, Katherine Jackson - mother